

Ky Supporter in Saigon Ignites Himself in Protest

SAIGON, South Vietnam, Aug. 16 (AP)—A Vietnamese war veteran set himself afire at a main intersection Monday to protest Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky's disqualification from the presidential election Oct. 3.

A military policeman sprayed him with a fire extinguisher. The man was taken to a hospital, where he died.

"Let Ky get on the ballot," the man moaned from the sidewalk, his hands raised beseechingly. "Let Ky get on the ballot. I am a veteran. Listen to me."

Witnesses said he had doused himself with gasoline. Officials identified him as Tran Minh Nghia, 36 years old, of Bienhoa, 15 miles north of Saigon.

The Supreme Court barred Mr. Ky from the ballot Aug. 5, ruling that he had submitted only 61 of the required 100 endorsements for his nominating petition. Mr. Ky contends that maneuvers by President Nguyen Van Thieu prevented him from getting the necessary signatures.